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1. DEPTOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF TACOMA SMELTER WITH ASARCO GENERAL COUNSEL AND VICE PRESIDENT GILLESPIE FEBRUARY 23. GILLESPIE SAID THAT ON FEBRUARY 19 ASARCO HAD RECEIVED FIVE YEAR VARIANCE TO PERMIT CONTINUED OPERATION OF SMELTER ON CONDITION THAT DOLS 5 MILLION BE SPENT IN ADDITIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT. HE EMPHASIZED HOWEVER THAT, WHILE THERE REMAIN ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO USE OF LEPANTO ORE, THIS VARIANCE DOES NOT PERMIT OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE ON BASIS OF UNLIMITED USE OF ARSENICAL ORES. HE NOTED MOREOVER THAT, IN ADDITION TO LOCAL REQUIREMENTS, NEW FEDERAL POLLUTION CONTROLS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION WHICH COULD ESTABLISH MORE STRINGENT LIMITS.

2. VARIANCE ALSO REPORTED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL FEBRUARY
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